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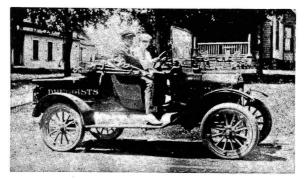
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# From the Desk of the President

When you are approaching the biblical age of three score and ten, you have more time to survey and reflect on the past. This year, 1976, has been somewhat hectic, yet a pleasant and an educational experience.

I have learned that practically all of the members of our society are sincere; but perhaps too busy because of patients' and family demands.

I can look into the future and assure you the big issues in '77 will be cost containment in the medical health field, comprehensive health insurance, continued harrassment by F.D.A. and F.T.C. and of course medical liabilities. Your newly elected officers will need your co-operation and assistance.

I want to thank each and every member of the society, the chairmen of the committees, the members of council and the executive secretary, who were always interested and involved in our activities and decisions. When the grievance committee receives letters of appreciation from unhappy and disgruntled patients, you know the members, who had tactfully explained the facts, are analytical and conscientious.

In my first letter in January, the concluding sentence of a poem stated "I shall not pass this way again". So I again end my last letter with a poem—"The Bridge Builder", by Will Allen Dromgoole:

An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him.
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your time with building here.
You never again will pass this way—
Your journey will end with the closing day.
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the way that I've come," he said
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This stream that has been as naught to me,
To the fair-haired youth might a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I'm building the bridge for him."

If all of us, whether young or older, accept this philosophy, we wll have the perfect society.

May God's blessings be with you, always.

-William E. Sovik, M.D. President



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#### Editorial

### LEDA AND THE SWAN, 1976

Great is the Power that Zeus enjoys. Ominous Pride in his station high, Views he the Realm from his Capitol. Extra regard only heightens his Restlessness. Burgeoning projects of Novel momentousness spring from the Mind of the consummate Potentate. Energy ceaselessly girdles him. Now does he seize on a fragile prey. Triumph is Glory for minds as his.

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## MAKE-UP SESSIONS FOR FLU VACCINE





(left) Dr. Sovik supervises at the Fairgrounds station. (right) Dr. Wegner, chairman administers immunization to happy recipient, Mike Mitchell.

The flu immunization program for Mahoning County was extended by two make-up sessions to date. The original program took place on Oct. 30 and 31. The first make-up was on Nov. 4 and 6. The second make-up was on Dec. 2 and 4.

Dr. Kurt Wegner was chairman for the program, which was sponsored by the Mahoning County Health Department and approved by the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Doctors are reminded that there is a shortage of vaccine, although some had been set aside for each make-up program. Vaccine is available only through the hospital pharmacies.

### **FLECTION IN DECEMBER**

Election of officers for 1977 will take place at the December meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 21 at the Youngstown Club. Following is a list of the candidates nominated by the membership at the November meeting:

President: J. J. Anderson

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Additional nominations for all offices may be made from the floor at the December meeting.

## DR. MILLER PUBLISHES BOOK

Another author joins the growing ranks of literati in the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. James D. Miller has published a novel, "The Bloody Ohio of 1776," an adventure story centered about Fort Henry on the Ohio River and the desperate fighting between frontiersmen and Indians. The book should be available at the department store book sections.

Our authors now include Dr. Miller, Dr. Charles H. McGowen, Dr.

Richard D. Murray, Dr. John C. Melnick and Dr. Warren D. Coy.

### MCMS PRESENTS COMPOSITE PHOTOS



Principals in the composite presentation are Dr. S. W. Ondash, president of staff, and Sister M. Consolata, administrator, St. Elizabeth Hospital; Dr. W. E. Sovik, president and Dr. John C. Melnick, bicentennial chairman, Mahoning County Medical Society; Dr. E. A. Shorten, president of staff, Richard J. Wingard, administrator, North Unit, and Roland R. Carlson, administrator, South Unit, Youngstown Hospital.

The gift of large composite photos to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown Hospital, North, Youngstown Hospital, South, and the Arms Museum completes the bicentennial projects of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Included in the composite are those members who permitted their photos to be taken for the purpose in 1975.

The composites to the hospitals each measure approximately three feet in width. The original, which was given to the Arms Museum is almost six feet wide. This is the one that was on display at the Canfield Fair.

The purchase and framing of the photos, along with the Dutton Drive commemorative monument and the grave-site marker for Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, were all paid for out of the bicentennial assessment for 1976.

The bicentennial committee was head by Dr. John C. Melnick, chairman and Dr. Jack Schreiber, co-chairman.

### PICO NOW SELLING STOCK

Representatives from PICO (Physicians Insurance Company of Ohio) were in Youngstown on Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 to explain the malpractice insurance company owned by the Ohio State Medical Association. They spoke with physicians in the staff rooms at St. Elizabeth Hospital and the North and South Units of Youngstown Hospital.

Prior to their arrival, Dr. Pichette, as Sixth District Councilor, sent a letter to all members reminding them of the absolute necessity of early funding for the Company to help all doctors in Ohio—a great number of whom will find that their own insurance company is withdrawing from the malpractice insurance business in the near future.

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## MCMS MATERIAL IN TIME CAPSULE

In the year 2076, when they open the Hopewell time capsule on the shores of Lake Hamilton, they will find among its contents material from the Mahoning County Medical Society. Six issues of the Bulletin are included, along with the book, A History of Medicine in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, Ohio, by Dr. Melnick.

Also stored in the capsule are the bicentennial issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, two issues of the *Ohio State Medical Journal*, the dedication program used at the unveiling of the Dutton Memorial, the newspaper story and picture of the dedication, and some stationery from the Mahoning County Medical Society.

The huge capsule, actually an ingot mold, is thought to be the largest in the world. It was erected as a monument to the famous Hopewell Furnace.

The receipt for the Medical Society material will be kept in the archives so that whoever is president in 2076 may reclaim it.

### DR. MELNICK PUBLISHES SECOND BOOK

Dr. John C. Melnick has now published his second book. Entitled "The Green Cathedral," is is a history, geography and nature note-book of Mill Creek Park. Containing more than 300 photos and illustrations, many of them taken by the author, the book will undoubtedly be considered the definitive volume on the Park. It will be available at some hospital gift shops and at the Mill Creek Park office and the Park Garden Center.

Dr. Melnick's first book, "A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley, Ohio," was published in 1973.

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# From the Bulletin

#### FORTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1936

Nothing shows the progress of the Society better than the year-end reports of Committees. In that last year of the Depression the Treasurer reported \$9,249.50 in the bank and no liabilities. Not bad! In 1932 there was not enough money to hire a hall for the meetings, so individual members chipped in.

The Chairman of the Budget Committee spoke of receiving "Hearty cooperation" from the other committees then closed the report by saying that he hoped there would be better cooperation in the future. That committee has been discontinued.

The Public Health Committee conducted a vigorous campaign against diphtheria. The Speaker's Bureau reported that nobody had registered with the Bureau as requested and nobody reported to them when he gave a talk.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1946

The Program Committee noted a gratifying increase in attendance due to members returning from the Armed Services.

That was the first year of the Canfield Fair Exhibit. The Treasurer re-

ported that it was expensive but worthwhile.

The Economics Committee had been having meetings with the Red Cross and Veteran's Administration on the medical care of returned Veterans. No one seemed to know what to do about them.

There were 252 members in the Society. Andrew Detesco joined and

made it 253.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1956

It was a great year for Blood Banks. Both St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the Youngstown Hospital had Blood Banks. They reported a total of 605 donations. The Labor Unions, the Sheet and Tube, the Nurses Association, in all there were ten groups who had Blood Banks.

Ray Lupse, R. B. McConnell, M. E. Sovik and R. L. Tornello were made Fellows of the International College of Surgeons. George Pugh became a

Fellow of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Morris Rosenblum reported that during Diabetes Week the doctors made 5183 urine tests with 133 positive for sugar, of which 24 were new cases.

Medicare those days meant care of dependents of men in the armed services.

#### TEN YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1966

Important decisions were made that month. The AMA and the OSMA advised the doctors to bill patients directly for Medicare, Medicaid and other Welfare cases, according to the law and not to accept any assignment of fees. It was asserted that any such arrangement was between the patient and the government agency, not between doctor and the agency.

Council said that fees for insurance examinations should be raised to \$15.00. Council frowned on any member of a utilization committee receiving money for his services.

New members were: Jose N. Solana, Earl Richard Ebie, Clayton A. Hixson and George T. Szaboky.

It was a good year. The Health Department reported 27 cases of Gonorrhea and 27 of Syphilis. No diphtheria, no typhoid fever, no tetanus and no polio. Venus glowed at sunset in the West.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Nov. 9, 1976

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1976, at the Youngstown Club.

Dr. Pichette, reporting as Sixth District Councilor, stated the importance for PICO to become successfully organized because other insurance companies are discontinuing coverage in Ohio and as many as 7000 physicians will have no place to get insurance except PICO and the JUA. He announced that a PICO team would be in Youngstown to answer questions and explain how doctors may buy stock in PICO. They will be at Youngstown Hospital Association on Tuesday, Nov. 23, and at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center on Wednesday, Nov. 24. He also stated that PICO insurance would cost less over a period of time than the same insurance in the JUA.

He announced that Medical Advances Institute is negotiating with PAS to offer their system for concurrent review. He further announced that the Ohio Foundation for Medical Care has been discontinued.

Dr. Tandatnick, chairman, reported for the Constitution Committee. He submitted a resolution encompassing the changes in our constitution as requested by the Ohio State Medical Association. The changes alter the citizenship requirement to conform with the new requirement of the Ohio State Medical Board. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the constitutional change be approved. Motion was passed. The change will be taken to the Medical Society for membership approval.

Dr. Sovik reported on the successful flu vaccine program and announced that letters of commendation have been sent to Dr. Kurt Wegner and Dr. Douglas Walsh.

A letter was read from the OSMA asking for help in obtaining more members from Mahoning County for the AMA. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the Mahoning County Medical Society do all it can to help increase AMA membership in Mahoning County.

A phone call was noted from the Mahoning County Board of Health in which they asked for a doctor to serve on a committee to review their financial situation. Dr. Sovik will ask a doctor to accept appointment to the committee.

A note was read from the Youngstown Health Department Health Advisory Committee. They want a physician on the committee who can attend meetings. The secretary was asked to find out the exact times of the meetings.

A phone call was noted from the Youngstown Area Community Action Council in which they asked for a representative from the Medical Society who would be able to attend their board meetings, which are on Wednesday afternoons. Dr. Sovik will ask a doctor to accept appointment to the board.

A letter was read from the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association announcing a hospital management seminar on Nov. 23. It was noted that Dr. Squiquero and Dr. Wiltsie would be attending and could represent the Medical Society.

Dr. Sovik reported on an incident wherein a local radio station seemingly gave support to the value of Laetrile in treatment of cancer. He called the station and informed them that Laetrile was not approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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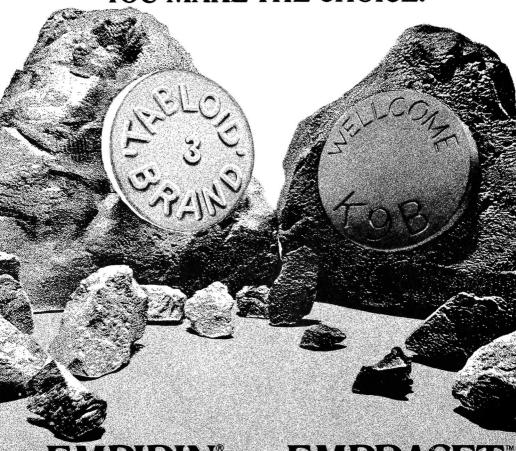
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